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THE CHARTERHOVSE

WITH

THE LAST VVILL

and Teſtament of THOMAS SVTTON ESQVIRE.

Taken out of the Prerogatiue Court,
according to the true
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and ſo become a ſectator thereof, whi-

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THE CHARTER-HOVSE.

CHARITIE, of the three Theologicall Vertues, by the vncomptrolable teſtimonie of Saint *Paul* the greateſt, hath in theſe our daies, vpon whom are (or may be ſuppoſed to haue been) come the ends of the World, amongſt them all, of all ſorts hath beene leaſt regarded. The conſciences of ſome particular perſons, ſealed with the true ſeales of peace and puritie, to their owne euerlaſting comfort, and the ſenſible good of their fellow-members remaining, haue left to poſteritie notable markes of their godly deuo-

rion; whose steps few haue followed.

This paucitie of well dooers, agrees well with the Scripture, where (euery man receiuing according to the workes hee hath done in his bodie) it is said, *few shall bee saued*. Indeed it is not to be meruailed at, that *Charitie waxeth cold* in these times, where Auarice hath gotten the vpper hand; *Christ* himselfe long since prophecying, that towards the end of the World it should bee so. All States generally are corrupted: each man preferring his owne priuate interest, before the common care of his distressed brethren; not measuring any thing, but by the rule of his owne profit.

To insist longer vpon these common places would bee ouer-tedious to the Reader; and not much auaileable, but rather hurtfull, as wherein he may behold the Worlds miserable thrift,

and so become a sectator thereof, whilest in the meane while hee make shipwracke of his Conscience, and hazard the perdition of Heauen and his owne Soule. Let vs therefore walke into the Valley of Lillies, where *Christ* with his true and euerlasting delights is ready to entertaine vs.

Herevnto wishes alone auaile not; though in themselues commendable. *Quiddam altius in desiderio: There is something more to be desired.* With this godly desire wee must ioyne sanctitie. Holinesse of life is it, whereby wee are acceptable *before* God.

Naturally wee are inclined, to wish well to our owne selues. *Nemo odit carnem suam.* But to this well-being, well-doing is required. *Quid oportet me facere*, was well propounded by that Holy Conuertite in the Actes; *What must I doe, to attaine euerlasting life?* For to this

this end by the free grace of God we are deliuered from the bondage of Sinne and Death, That wee may *ſerue him in holineſſe*. Surely the yoke of the old Law was inſupportable; in reſpect of fleſh; yet that yoke was not ſo taken off by our Sauiour, that we ſhould thinke our ſelues free from all manner of yoke. *Iugum meum dulce & leue*, *My yoke is ſweet and light*; yet a yoke. Hee that ſuſtaines the VVorld, beares part with vs: therefore an eaſie yoke. As eaſie notwithſtanding as it is, few vndergoe it. How culpable therefore the moſt part of Mankinde is, in refuſing to be coupled in this ſweet yoke, and to draw together with *Chriſt*, who beares the heauieſt part thereof, it is more than to be lamented.

Not a fountaine, but an Ocean of teares, is here to be deſired; to waſh away this guilt. Ex *fructibus*, *by their fruits*

pleased the Lord to blesse him. This

fruits you shall know them, is the *Cognisance*, whereby the good are discerned from the bad: the surest marke of all others, whereby either God, or Sathan may claime their owne.

If therefore wee would be accounted and taken for the true seruants of God, we must weare his cognisance: wee must labour to make our Election sure, by bringing forth such fruits, as proceed from *a faith working by Loue*. But this Badge is so seldome seene among vs, as it may well be supposed, that God hath heere but a very few seruants.

Let vs desire the Almightie for his great Loue to Mankinde, that hee will more and more kindle the small sparke of Charitie that is amongst vs, that it may breake forth into a bright flame of brotherly loue, and wholly involue vs in the zeale of Gods House. Then may wee ioyfully burne incense to

this end by the free grace of God we are

the GOD of *Israel*, and offer vp our vowes without feare. For the mercifull man hath cast his bread vpon many waters: and the Lord hath assured him a reward.

Now it is time to commend to posteritie, the due praises of that truely worthy and neuer to bee forgotten Gentleman, Maister *Thomas Sutton*, the right *Phœnix* of Charitie in our times: who mounting vp to the highest top of Gods holy Hill, and gathering together the Aromaticall spices of Loue and Compassion, hath consumed himselfe in the fire of feruent zeale towards Gods poore Saints, who setting all worldly respects, eyther of Alliance or Consanguinitie, farre behinde his Loue to God and his poore brethren in *Christ*, hath made them (in effect) the Heyres of all those great riches, wherewith it

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pleaſed the Lord to bleſſe him. This godly Act of his hath herein eſpecially approoued it ſelfe, for that hee neuer ſtucke at any coſt, nor let ſlip any occaſion, which might further, or eſtabliſh it, to the benefit of the poore people.

The greatneſſe of the gift, and the religious care taken for confirmation thereof, with the pious forwardnes of our good Soueraigne in the advancement of ſo good a VVorke; are at large ſet foorth in a morefull Volume, amongſt many other notable Reports, by a Reuerend, famous, and learned Iudge of this Land: whereunto, when it ſhall be publiſhed, I referre the courteous Reader for his more ample ſatisfaction. In the meane time briefly take this.

The late diſſolued Charter-houſe

by Smithfield, not long ſince belonging to the Right Honourable *Thomas* Earle of Suffolke, Lord Chamberlaine of the Kings houſhold, is well knowne to bee a very large and goodly Manſion; beautified with ſpacious Gardens, VValkes, Orchards, and other pleaſures; enriched with diuers dependencies of Lands and Tenements therevnto belonging, and very fitly ſeated for wholeſome ayre, and many other commodities.

This commodiouſneſs of ſyte, and largeneſſe of circuite, gaue occaſion to this worthily renowned Gentleman Maiſter *Sutton*, to affect this Houſe, as the onely fit place, wherein to lay the foundation of his Religious deſſeignes. For hee had before that time a ſetled determination to erect an Houſe in *Hallingbury Bouchers* in the Countie of *Eſſex*, to be an Hoſpitall,

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pitall for ſuch poore Men and Children as Hee himſelfe in his life time, or the future Gouernours of the ſame Hoſpitall, ſhould nominate and appoint to bee lodged and relieued there: As alſo for a Schoole-Maiſter and Vſher to teach the Children to reade and write, and inſtruct them in their Latine and Greeke Grammar: for a Diuine likewiſe, to preach the VVord of God vnto them all, and for one Maiſter to gouerne all thoſe people belonging to that Houſe.

And to that end & purpoſe, He had, vpon earneſt Petition, procured himſelfe ability by Vertue of an Act of Parliamẽt, begun & holden by prorogation therof at Weſtminſter in the Countie of Middleſex the 9. day of February in the ſeuenth yeare of his Maieſties raigne ouer *England*, &c. and there continued to the 24. day of *July* then next fol-

by Smithfield, not long ſince belong-

following. To erect & build in the ſaid Towne of *Hallingbury Bouchers* ſuch an houſe for an Hoſpital, as is immediately before remembred: and that the ſaid Houſe ſhould be called *The Hoſpitall of King* Iames, *founded in Hallingbury in the Countie of Eſſex, at the humble Petition, and at the onely coſts and charges of* Thomas Sutton Eſquire. And that the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* that then was, and other Reuerend Prælats of this Realm, and their Succeſſors in their ſeuerall Seas, the right Honorable *Thomas Lord Elleſmere*, Lord Chancellor of *England*, and ſuch as ſhould ſucceed after him to be Lo: Chancellors or L: Keepers of the Great Seale of *England*, the Lord Treaſurer that then was, & thoſe that ſhould ſucceed in that Office, with diuers other ſelect perſons both of the Clergie and Laity, in ſuch manner as you ſhall find them ſet downe in the ſaid Volume of

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Reports whereunto I referre you, were by the ſaid Act of Parliament elected, nominated, and appointed the firſt and preſent Gouernours of the Lands, poſſeſsions, reuenues, and goods of the ſaid Hoſpitall. But afterwards, vpon more mature deliberation, finding this great Manſion of the *Charter-houſe*, farre more conuenient for his purpoſe, then that of *Hallingburie* could bee, Hee was an earneſt ſutor to my Lord of *Suffolk* to buy that Houſe of him: acquainting his Lordſhip with the change of his minde concerning *Hallingburie*, and his great affection to make the *Charter-houſe* his Hoſpitall. To this Petition of his, it is not to bee doubted, but that my Lord gaue the more ready and willing way: becauſe the chiefe end thereof was the glorie of God, and the reliefe and comfort of a great number of poore people.

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Long the matter was not debated betweene them: but the price being concluded, the Bargaine and ſale was aſſured. The ſumme disburſed for this purchaſe, came to thirteene thouſand pounds: which was paid down in hand, before the conueyance was ſealed.

Hauing thus aſſured the ſtate of this great Houſe to him, and his Heyres, He makes humble ſuite to his Maieſtie, to grant him licence to erect and eſtabliſh his intended Hoſpitall and Grammar Schoole, and other his godly & charitable vſes, in the ſaid late diſſolued *Charterhouſe*; as in a more cõmodious place, then that of *Hallingbury*. Herevnto the King readily yeelded; being graciouſly affected to ſo charitable a worke.

The better therfore to encourage and enable this Heroicall Gentleman, to proſequute this good minde to the full perfection; it pleaſed his Maieſtie out

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of his moſt Royall diſpoſition, to grant his Letters patents vnto him, thereby authoriſing him to the vſes laſt mentioned, as in his Letters pattents more fully appeareth.

Now therefore with alacritie this buſines goes forwards. The Reuerend Father in God, *George* now Arch-biſhop of *Canterbury*, *Thomas* Lord *Elleſmere*, Lord Chancellor of *England*, *Robert* Earle of *Salisburie*, Lord high Treaſurer of *England*, *Iohn* the elect Biſhop of London, *Lancelot* now Biſhop of *Ely*, Sir *Edward Cooke* Knight, cheefe Iuſtice of the common pleas, Sir *Thomas Foſter* Knight, one of his Maieſties Iuſtices of the common plees, Sir *Henry Hobart* Knight and Baronet, Atturney generall, *Iohn Overall* now Deane of the Cathedral Church of Saint *Paul* in London, *George Mountaine* Deane of the Collegiat Church of Weſtminſter, *Henry Thurſby* Eſquire, one of the

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Masters of the *Chancerie*, *Geffrey Nightingale* Esquire, *Richard Sutton* Esquire, *John Law* Gentleman, *Thomas Browne* Gentleman, and the Master of the Hospitall of King *Iames*, founded in Charterhouse, within the Countie of Middlesex, at the humble Petition and the onely costs and charges of *Thomas Sutton* Esquire, are elected, nominated, and ordained by the Kings most excellent Maiestie in his Letters Patents granted (as aforesaid) the first Gouernors of the Lands, Possessions, Reuenues, and Goods of the said Hospitall of King *Iames* founded in *Charterhouse*.

And further power is giuen to the said Gouernours, as you may find more at large in the said Letters Patents.

Hereupon diuers Lands, by him formerly purchased, are made and past ouer to this Hospitall, for maintenance of the poore people there to be relieued. Preparation is made for fit lodgings, and other ne-

neceſſaries; and all things goe onwards, with as conuenient ſpeed as may be, to the wiſhed end.

Now for the Readers better information and content, it will not be amiſſe to ſet downe, what Lands they were, and in what Counties, which were made ouer and annexed by Maiſter *Sutton* to the ſaid Hoſpitall. Thus therefore they are named, as they follow in order: (*viz.*) All thoſe his Mannors and Lordſhips of *Southminſter*, *Norton*, *Little Hallingbury*, alias *Hallingbury Bouchers*, and *Much Stanbridge* in the County of *Eſſex*, with all their and euery of their rights, members, and appurtenances whatſoeuer.

Alſo all thoſe his Mannors and Lordſhips of *Baſtingthorpe*, alias *Buſlingthorpe* and *Dunneſby* in the County of *Lincolne*, with their & euery of their rights, members, and appurtenances whatſoeuer.

Alſo thoſe his Mannors of *Salthorp*

alias *Saltrop* alias *Haltrop*, *Chilton*, and *Blackgroue*, in the County of *Wilts*, with their and euery of their rights, members, and appurtenances: and alſo all thoſe his lands & paſture grounds called *Blackgroue*, containing by eſtimation two hundred acres of paſture with the appurtenances in *Blackgroue* and *Wroughton*, in the ſaid County of *Wilts*: and alſo all that his Mannor of *Miſſenden*, otherwiſe called the Mannor of *Miſſunden*, in the Pariſhes of *Wroughton*, *Lydierde*, and *Tregoſe* in the ſaid County of *Wilts*, with all his rights, members, and appurtenances.

And all that his Mannor of *Elcombe* and *Parke* called *Elcombe Parke*, with the appurtenances, in the ſaid County of *Wilts*.

Alſo All that his Mannor of *Watleſcote*, alias *Wigleſcete*, alias *Wigleſcete* with the appurtenances in the ſaid County of *Wilts*.

And alſo All that his Mannor of *Weſcote*

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alias *Weſete*, with the appurtenances, in the ſaid County of *Wilts*: and alſo al thoſe his lands and paſtures, containing by eſtimation 100. acres of land, & 60. acres of paſture with the appurtenances in *Wigleſcote* & *Wroughton* in the ſaid County of *Wilts*: and All that his Mannor of *Vffcote* with the appurtenances in the ſaid County of *Wilts*: and alſo al thoſe his two Meſſuages, & one thouſand acres of land, two thouſand acres of paſture, three hundred acres of Meadow, and three hundred acres of wood with the appurtenances, in *Brodebinton* in the ſaid County of *Wilts*.

And alſo All thoſe the Mannors and Lordſhips of *Campes*, alias *Campes Caſtle*, otherwiſe called *Caſtle Campes* with the appurtenances, ſcituare, lying, being, and extending in the Counties of *Cambridge* and *Eſſex*, or in either of them, or elſewhere within the Realme of *England*,

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And alſo all that his Mannor of *Balſham*, in the County of *Cambridge*, with all & ſingular the rights, members & appurtenances thereof whatſoeuer. And alſo All thoſe his Meſſuages and Lands ſcituate, lying, and being in the Pariſhes of *Hackney* and *Tottenham* in the County of *Middleſex*, or in either of them, with their and euery of their rights, members, and appurtenances whatſoeuer, which ſaid Meſſuage was lately purchaſed of Sir *William Bowyer* Knight; & the ſaid Lands in *Tottenham* now or lately were in the tenure or occupation of *William Benning* Yeoman. And alſo All and ſingular the Mannors, Lordſhips, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Reuerſions, Seruices, Meadowes, Paſtures, Woods, Aduouſons, Patronages of Churches, & Hereditaments of the ſaid *Thomas Sutton* whatſoeuer, ſcituat, lying, or being within the ſaid counties of *Eſſex*, *Lincoln*, *Wilts*, *Cambridge*, and

Middleſex,

Middlesex, or in any of them, with all and euery of their rights, members, & appurtenances whatsoeuer. (Except All his Mannors or Lordships of *Littlebury* and *Haddestocke* with their appurtenances, in the said County of *Essex*.) But alas, what perpetuity can bee looked for in this world; where there is no certainty but of change. In this great expectation of all men, whilest our eyes and mindes are occupied with admiration of the Worke, Death steales away the Master workeman: but not vnprouided; as hauing his *Viaticum* sealed vp vnto him in the peace of a good conscience. Many prayers of the Saint went vp before him, to prepare a place for him against the day of his dissolution: and the corruptible *Mammon*, which he had here imployed to the reliefe of Gods seruants in Earth, begot him friends to entertaine him in heauen. So he fell asleepe in the Lord: leauing the

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reſt of his pious intendments, to bee performed by his truſtie Executors, Maſter *Richard Sutton*, and Maiſter *Iohn Lawe*. *Behold*, here a perfect *Iſraelite*! This is a good worke: but he hath not ſet his reſt on this onely. He hath growne vp from faith to faith, to the accompliſhment of many other ſingular workes of Charitie: whereof his laſt Will and Teſtament giues ſuch abundant teſtimonie, that it needs no other ſplendour than it ſelfe.

Vpon this reſpect, I will make no other Præme to it, than a gentle inuitation to the Reader to peruſe it; leſt otherwiſe I might ſeeme to ſhew the Sunne at Noone Day; or perſwade credit, to apparent demonſtration. Thus it followeth.

THE

THE LAST WILL and Testament.

OF

Thomas Sutton Esquire.

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THE LAST VVILL and Teſtament of *Thomas Sutton Eſquire.*

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN.

THE Second day of November in the yeare of our Lord God one thouſand ſixe hundred and eleuen *I Thomas Sutton* of Camps Caſtell in the County of Cambridge Eſquire being weake in body, and of good perfect mind and memory thankes be giuen to Almighty God for the ſame: Do make and declare this my laſt Will and Teſtament in manner and forme following, that is to ſay. Firſt, and principally I commend my Soule into the handes of Almighty God

truſting through his mercy & by the pretious death and paſſion of my Sauiour and Redeemer *Ieſus Chriſt* to bee ſaued and to inherit the kingdome of Heauen for euer. And my body I will to be buried where and in what ſort it ſhall ſeeme meet and conuenient to mine Executor or Executors and Superuiſor or Superuiſors of this my laſt will and Teſtament, with the leaſt pomp and charge that may be.

Item I giue to euery one of the Children of *Richard Coxe* late Biſhop of Ely who ſhall bee liuing at the time of my death, Ten-poundes a peece, of lawfull mony of England.

Item Igiue to the Children of *Ellenor Aske* late wife of *Robert Aske* of Aughton in the Countye of york Eſquire the ſumme of one hundred poundes of good and lawfull mony of England to bee equally diſtributed amongſt them.

Item I giue to the poore towne of Berwicke vppon Tweede one hundreth markes of lawful mony of England to be diſtributed amongſt the poore there by the diſcretion of the chiefe gouernour and Preacher there for the time being to be paid within one yeare after my deceaſe.

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Also I giue to *Andrew Westwoods* wife of New Castle vpon Tyne, or to her Children, or to so many of them as shall be liuing at my death, ten poundes, to be bestowed equally amongst them.

And I giue to the poore people of Stoke-Newington, in the County of Middlesex Ten-pounds to be distributed by the Constables, Church-wardens, & Parson of the same Town, for the time being to their most needy people there.

Also I giue to Maister *Gray* dwelling in yorkshire, sometimes seruant to *Ambrose* Earle of Warwick or to his Children if any of them bee liuing at my decease Forty poundes of good and lawful mony of England, to be distributed equally amongst them, within sixe monthes after my decease.

Also I giue to the Children of my Aunt *White* or to so many of them as shall bee liuing at my decease, one hundred markes to be equally distributed amongst them within sixe monethes next after my decease.

Alſo I giue to *William Cocket* ſonne to *William Cocket*, late Alderman of the Citty of Lincolne one hundreth pounds of lawfull mony of England.

Alſo I giue to the Children of *Iohn Copeland* late of Skillingthorpe in the County of Lincolne or to ſo many of them as ſhall be liuing at the time of my deceaſe, one hundred pounds of lawfull money of England, to bee equally diſtributed amongſt them ſauing vnto *Elizabeth Copeland*, for my meaning is that ſhe ſhall not haue any part of the ſaid Legacy of one hundred pounds.

And vnto the ſaid *Elizabeth Copeland* I giue the ſumme of one hundreth pounds, of lawful mony of England to be paid vnto her at the day of her marriage, or within one yeare after my deceaſe.

Item I giue vnto *Iane Vpton* one of the Daughters of *Elizabeth Vpton* late wife of *Hamond Vpton* of Wamfleet in the County of Lincolne *Eſquire*, the ſumme of fifty pounds of Lawful mony of England.

And to euery other of the Children of the

ſaid *Elizabeth* who ſhall be lining at the time of my deceaſe twenty poundes a peece of lawfull money of England, to bee paid with in ſixe monthes next after my deceaſe.

Alſo I giue to the Children of one *Skelton* late of Lowth in the County of Lincolne and ſomtimes towards the Henneages of Heniton in the ſaid County tenne poundes to be equally deuided amongſt them.

Item I giue to the Children of *Thomas Pynner*, late of Mitcham in the County of Surrey Eſquire or to ſo many of them as ſhall be liuing at my deceaſe, twenty poundes to bee equally diſtributed amongſt them.

Item I giue to the Children of *Henry Tutty* late Gunner in Barwick, or to ſo many of them as ſhall bee liuing at my deceaſe ten poundes of lawful mony of England to be equally diſtributed amongſt them.

Alſo I giue to my Neece *Elizabeth Allen*, two hundred poundes of lawfull mony of England.

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And to euery of her Children which ſhall be liuing at my deceaſe one hundreth markes a peece.

Item I giue to *Symon Baxter* if he bee liuing at my deceaſe, three hundred pounds of lawful mony of England, if not then I giue the ſame ſumme to his Child or Children to be equally deuided amongſt them.

Item I giue vnto *Francis Baxter* if he bee liuing at my death fiue hundred markes of lawfull mony of England if not I giue the ſame ſum to his Child or Children to bee equally deuided amongſt them.

Item I giue vnto each of my ſeruingmen to whom I giue wages with my Cooke that ſhall be aliue at my deceaſe thirteene pound ſixe ſhillings and eight pence ouer and aboue their wages then due.

Item I giue to ſo many of my maidſeruants as I haue in my houſe at the time of my deceaſe fiue markes a peece ouer and aboue their wages.

Item I giue vnto the Children of *Reinold Temps*

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Tomps my late ſeruant if any of them bee aliue at my death ten pounds to bee diſtributed amongſt them.

Item I giue to the Fyſhermen of the Towne of Oaſtend in the Low Cuntries one hundred poundes of lawful Engliſh money to be giuen and diſtributed amongſt the pooreſt fiſhermen of that Towne or for want of a competent number of them to call in ſome other of that Towne to haue a ſhare of the ſaid one hundred poundes by the diſcretion of the gouernours of that Towne and his aſſiſtants and the Parſon and Miniſter there for the time being the ſame to be paid within one yeare after my deceaſe.

Item I giue towards the mending of the High-waies betweene Iſlington and Newington in the County of Middleſex Twenty ſixe poundes thirteene ſhillings and fower pence of lawful mony of England to bee imployed and beſtowed by the good ouerſight of mine Executor or Executors the Cunſtable of Newington and the Churchwardens there for the time being the ſame Highwayes to bee amended made and holpen within one yeare after my deceaſe.

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Item I giue towards the amending of the of highwaes betweene Aſhden and Walden in the County of Eſſex called Walden Lane one hundreth poundes of Lawfull mony of England: And towardes the amending of the highwaies between great Lynton in the Coũty of Cambridge and the ſaid Towne of Walden three skore ſixe pounds thirteen ſhillings and foure pence of lawfull mony of England: And I alſo giue towards the amending of Horſeth-Lane threeskore poundes of lawfull money of England.

All theſe workes next before recited I will ſhall be ouerſeene and guided by the two head Conſtables therevnto next adioyning the Treſorer of Walden and the Parſonnes of Aſhden Hadſtock and Horſheath and the Conſtables of the ſame Pariſhes for the time being: And the ſame ſeueral ſummes to be imployed and the ſaid High-waies ſo to be amended ſo farre as the ſame ſummes will extend within one yeare after my deceaſe.

Alſo I giue towards the amending of the Bridges and the ordinary high wayes between Southminſter and Malden in the ſaid County Eſſex the ſumme of one hundred poundes of lawfull money of England and the ſame worke

to be ouerſeene and guided by the two head Conſtables therevnto next adioyning and the parſons or Vicars of South-minſter and Malden for the time being and the ſame money to be ſo employed and the high waies ſo amended within one yeere next after my deceaſe.

Item, I giue to Maiſter *Robert Dudley* Alderman of Newcaſtle vpon Tyne or to his Children or to ſo many of his Children as ſhall bee liuing at the time of my deceaſe Thirty pounds of lawfull money of England which hee oweth me.

And I will and doe earneſtly charge mine Executor or Executors to deliuer into the Treſurie or Chamber of the Citie of London one Thouſand pounds in currant mony of England with ſuch care and foreſight to be had that ſuch bonds or aſſurances bee taken of the Lord Maior and Aldermen of the ſame Citie that for the time ſhall bee by learned Counſell in the Law as the ſame may bee ſafe and for euer goe and bee conuerted to theſe vſes following: That is to ſay that the ſaid thouſand pounds be yeerely lent and put foorth to ten yonge Marchant

men not hauing any great ſtockes of their owne being yong men and of honeſt life and conuerſation and towardly in their trades that is to euery one of them one hundreth pounds for a yeare without paying any thing for the ſame; And theſe ten yong Marchants to bee choſen and appointed by the Lord Maior and Aldermen of the ſaid Citie that for the time ſhall bee and the Deane of the Cathedrall Church of Saint *Paul* in London for the time beeing. Prouided as before that none haue or continue the ſaid hundred pounds ſo appointed aboue one yeare.

Item, I will and giue to the Children of *Iuſtinian Crome* Draper ſometimes dwelling in the Citie of Lincolne or to his childrens children if any of them ſhall be liuing at my deceaſe Twenty pounds of lawfull money of England to bee equally diuided amongſt them.

I giue alſo to the Wife and Children or Child of *Martine Vvatherſine* Dutchman, ſometime dwelling at the ſigne of the White Beare in Buttolph Lane London if any of them be liuing at the time of my death Ten

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pounds to bee equally diuided amongst them.

Item, I giue to the next kinsman or kinswoman of *Henry Vauering* Dutchman Smith somtimes dwelling in Barwick three pounds six shillings eight pence.

Item I giue and bequeath vnto Sir *Francis Popham* Knight as well in respect and good will which I beare vnto his Wife beeing the Daughter of my late deceased deare Wife the summe of two thousand Markes of lawfull money of England vpon condition neuertheless and so that the said Sir *Francis Popham* and the said Ladie *Anne* his Wife giue a sufficient discharge and a generall release to mine Executor or Executors as well for that summe as also for the receipt of all the rest of her part of portion of the plate money and housshould stuffe already paide and deliuered to them or to their vse as appeareth by seuerall bills or notes subscribed with mine owne hand which I doe thinke to be the very true halfe and better halfe of the said plate money and housshould stuffe part whereof was deliuered by one I*ohn Fishborne* my late seruant to Sir I*ohn Popham* Knight

late Lord Chiefe Iuſtice of England at his late houſe in Chaunceries Lane, The reſt of the houſhould ſtuffe as Chaires Stooles Bedſteedes Kitchin-ſtuffe Tables & ſuch like was deliuered by the ſaid *Fiſhborne* to the ſaid Sir *Iohn Pophams* Seruants at Newington, one Thouſand pounds in mony paid in this ſort (*viz.*)

To Sir *Iohn Popham* by his ſeruant *Straker* vpon the ſaid Sir *Iohns* bill before marriage three hundred pounds which bill after the marriage I returned to the ſaid Sir *Iohn Popham* ſeauen hundred pounds were paid to the ſaid Sir *Iohn Popham* vpon the marriage by one Mr. *Anthony Law* late dwelling in *pater noſter row* London the better moyety of the plate due to Sir *Francis Popham* was by the appointment of the ſaid Sir *Iohn Popham* receiued by one Maiſter *Clarke* ſomtimes towardes the ſaid Sir *Iohn* and now a Councellor at the law of the middle Temple as I gueſſe.

Item I giue to my welbeloued friend *Amy Popham* two hundred poundes to bee paid to her at the day of her marriage, or when ſhe ſhall accompliſh the age of eighteene yeares.

Item I giue to *Francis Popham Mary Popham Eliza-*

Elizabeth Popham Iane Popham and *Anne Popham* all daughters of the ſaid Lady *Anne Popham* one hundreth poundes a peece which ſeuerall ſummes I will ſhall be paid them at the dayes of their marriage or when they ſhall accompliſh the age of eighteene yeares: And my will and meaning is that vnleſſe the ſaid Sir *Francis Popham* and the ſaid Lady *Anne* his wife do or ſhall giue to mine Executor or Executors a generall acquittance or releaſe to the effect aboue mentioned that then as well the ſaid Legacy of two thouſand marks ſo wiled to bee giuen to the ſaid Sir *Francis Popham* and the Lady *Anne* his wife as alſo the other ſeuerall legacies giuen and bequeathed to euery of the ſaid children of the ſaid Sir *Francis Popham* and the Lady his Wife ſhall remaine and be to the vſe of mine Executor or Executors to bee wholly diſpoſed and giuen by them within one yeere after my deceaſe partly to the amending of high waies and partly to poore Maidens marriages and partly to the releaſing of poore men that lie in priſon for debt and partly to the poore people of mine intended Hoſpitall when it ſhall pleaſe God that it ſhall bee eſtabliſhed and erected. And where perhaps it is or may bee ſuppoſed that the ſaid Sir *Iohn Popham*

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hath paid three hundred poundes to Sir *Rowland Heyward* of the Citty of London Alderman as a debt due vnto him vppon the bondes of I*ohn Dudley* and *Thomas Dudley* I proteſt before God that I paide the whole three hundred poundes to the ſaid Sir I*ohn Popham* in this ſort to bee paid ouer to the ſaid Sir *Rowland Heyward viz* Two hundred poundes by my ſeruant I*ohn Fiſhborne* and one hundred poundes by one *Henry Beſt* Scriuener neere : Temple-barre There was a demande made by Alderman *Duckets* Executors for foure huudred poundes owing to the ſaid Alderman vppon the bondes of I*ohn Dudley* and *Thomas Dudley* for Copper for the vſe of the Earle of Leceſter which the ſaide Earle tranſported into Spaine which debt was paid to the ſaid Alderman For I my ſelfe was a meſſenger from the ſaid Earle to the ſaid Alderman to let him vnderſtand that Maſter *Bainham* my Lords ſpeciall Officer and receuer ſhould diſcharge them preſently and after it was diſcharged the ſaid Alderman demanded intereſt for the forbearing of the foure hundred poundes which as I remember *Thomas Dudley* diſcharged: Maiſter I*uſtice Owin* as I remember who had the doing in the

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testament of Alderman *Ducket* promised to deliuer in the said bond to Sir *Iohn Popham* then being Attorney which I doe beleeue hee did: And where Maister *Iohn Gardiner* brother to my late wife by his last Will and Testament did giue vnto *Anne Dudley* now Wife to Sir *Francis Popham* one hundred poundes to be paid to her at the day of her marriage the same hundred poundes was and is paid by me at or before the day of her marriage *videlicet*. In a Chaine of Golde beeing fourescore seauenteene poundes tenne shillinges in Golde and for the fashion paid to Maister *Padmore* Goldsmith in London fifty shillinges which compleates the hundred pounds for the which amongst other thinges which I deliuered in trust I haue no acquittance.

Item I giue to Maister *Ieffery Nightingale* Esquire the some of forty poundes of lawfull money of England.

Also I giue to my Cosen *William Stapleton* sonne of Sir *Richard Stapleton* Knight one hundred markes.

Item, I giue vnto the Children of Sir *Frauncis Willoughbie* Knight one

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hundred poundes of lawfull money of England to bee equally distributed amongst them.

Item I giue vnto *Iohn Law* one of the Procurators of the Arches London two hundred poundes,

And to Maister *Thomas Browne* ten pounds to make him a Ring.

Item I giue to the wife and Children of *Iohn Gardiner* my late wifes Nephew if they be liuing after my decease being the mother and two sonnes two hundred markes to be equally deuided amongst them.

Item I giue to the poore people of Hadstock to be distributed amongst thē by the Churchwardens and Constables there for the time being twenty poundes.

Item I giue to the poore people of Littlebury and to the poore people of Balsham to be distributed as afore to either Towne twenty pounds.

Item I giue to the Parson and Church-wardens of Balsham aforesaid for the time being

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to buy a Bell withall to be hanged vp in the Steeple to amend the Ring there twenty poundes.

Item to the poore of Southminster twenty poundes.

Item to the poore of little Hallenbury twenty poundes.

Item to the poore of Dunsby in the County of Lincolne twenty poundes.

Item I giue to *Robert Wright* poulter of little Hallenbury fiue pound.

Item I giue to widdow *Aske* late wife of *Robert Aske* of London goldsmith twenty pound which she oweth me.

Item my will and meaning is that there shall no interest or increase for money bee taken after my decease so as hee or they by whom any summes of money are or shall bee owing doe pay the principall debt within one halfe yeare next after my decease.

Item I giue and bequeath to the poore prisoners

ners within the Prisons of Ludgate Newgate the two Compters in London the Kinges bench and the Marshalsea the summe of two hundred pounds to be paid & deuided among the same prisoners by euen & equall portions.

Item I giue to *Susan Price* at the day of her marriage forty poundes.

Item I giue to one *Collins* of the Towne of Cursall in Essex fiue poundes.

Item I giue to my good friends Mistris *Heyward* and Mris. *Low* either of them ten pounds.

Item I giue to *Margret Woodhall* my God-daughter the summe of twenty poundes.

Item I giue to al other my God-children fiue poundes apeece.

Item I giue and bequeath to the Maister and fellowes as the Corporation of *Iesus* Coledge in Cambridge the summe of fiue hundred markes of lawfull money of England to bee imployed vsed and bestowed for or in some perpetuity for and to the vse benefit and behalfe of the said

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Colledge Maister Fellowes and Schollers in such sort manner and forme as by the discrecion of the Bishop of Elie for the time being the Vicechancellor of Cambrige for the time being the Maister and Fellowes of the said Colledge for the time being, and my executors hereafter named or the suruiuor or suruiuors of them if they bee liuing when the bestowing of the saide summe shall come in question shalbe thought best and most conuenient.

Item I giue and bequeath to the Maister and Fellowes as the Corporation of Magdalene Colledge in Cambridge the summe of fiue hundred pounds to be imployed vsed or bestowed for or in some perpetuity for and to the vse benefit and behalfe of the said Colledge Maister and Fellowes and Schollers there in such sort manner and forme as by the discretion priuity and consent of the Vicechauncellor in Cambridge for the time being the Maister of Trinity Colledge in Cambridge for the time being and the Maister and Fellowes of the said Magdalene Colledge for the time being shalbe thought best and most conuenient.

And I will that all my great Chaine of gold and all my Iewelles of what kind ſoeuer they be ſhalbe ſould by myne Executors and ſuperuiſors hereafter named towards the better and ſpeedier payment of my legacies and performance of this my laſt will and teſtament.

And my will and meaning is that all the legacies by me in this my teſtament and laſt will giuen and bequeathed and for the payment of much whereof there is no certaine time ſet down ſhalbe paid within two yeares next after my deceaſe at the furtheſt.

Alſo I giue for and towards the building of mine intended Hoſpitall Chappell and Schoolehouſe the ſumme of fiue thouſand pounds if I doe not liue to ſee it performed in my life time.

And I deſire in the name of GOD my Feoffes and my executor or executors within two yeares after my deceaſe or ſooner if they may conueniently (if it pleaſe not GOD I liue to ſee and cauſe the ſame my determination to be performed and accompliſhed) to

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Alſo I giue the reſidue of the yeares which I ſhall haue at the time of my deceaſe in one cloſe called the Withies lying within the towne and fields of Cottingham in the County of Yorke to the Maior and Alder-men of Beuerley or to the gouernor of the ſame towne and his aſſiſtants for the time being to this end and purpoſe that they ſhall diſtribute or cauſe to be diſtributed the yearly profit ariſing of the ſame ouer and aboue the yearely Rent payable to the Kings Maieſtie amongſt the pooreſt people dwelling within the ſaid towne of Beuerley.

Alſo I giue to the Maior and Alder-men of the citty of Lincolne for the time being all ſuch proffits and reuenewes as ſhal ariſe and growe of the parſonage of Glentham within the county of Lincolne and all the reſidue of the yeares that ſhall remaine after my deceaſe to this intent that they ſhall diſtribute and beſtowe or cauſe to be diſtributed and beſtowed the ſame amongſt twenty of the pooreſt people that ſhall then bee dwelling in the ſaid citty with the conſent

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and priuity of the Deane of the Cathederall Church of Lincolne or the Recorder of the ſame for the time being (they the ſaid Maior Aldermen Deane and Recorder foreſeeing that the Parſonage be letten for their moſt benefit.)

Item I giue into the Treſory or Storehouſe of mine entended Hoſpitall to begin their ſtocke with and to defend the rights of the houſe one thouſand pounds of lawfull Engliſh mony.

And I giue to euery one of my Feoffees whome I haue put in truſt about my entended Hoſpitall (to whome I haue not giuen any thing in this my laſt will) the ſumme of twenty ſixe pounds thirty ſhillings and foure pence of lawfull mony of England.

Item I giue to *Amy Popham* if it pleaſe God ſhe liue to keepe houſe three Fetherbeds and ſo many paire of Holland ſheetes with the boulſters to them and ſo many hangings of tapeſtry as furniſh her a bedchamber The reſt of my houſhouldſtuffe I will ſhalbe ſold by myne executors for the ſpeedier payment of my leagacies and performance

formance of this my last will.

Item I giue to the widow *Tassell* of Balsham the summe of fiue pounds of Lawfull mony of England and to *Thomas Lawrence* the elder of the same towne fiue pounds of like lawfull mony of England.

Item I giue and bequeath vnto the brother of *Perciuall Graung* my late seruant deceased the summe of twenty pounds of lawfull mony of England.

And of this my last will and testament I make and ordaine *Richard Sutton* of London Esquire and *John Law* one of the procurators of the Arches London my Executors charging them as they will answer at the last day of iudgement that they or one of them in the absence of the other endeuor themselues with all earnestnesse and diligence to see this my will performed according to my true meaning and charitable intent.

And I make ouerseers of this my last will and testament the Reuerend Father in God *George Abbot* Archbishop of Canterbury vnto whome I giue and bequeath the summe

of forty markes of lawfull mony of England or a peece of plate of that value at his election and choyse.

And also *Launcelot Androes* Almonizer to the Kings Maiesty my other superuisor and ouerseer of this my last will and testament vnto whome I giue and bequeath the sumine of twenty pounds of like lawfull mony of England or a peece of plate of that value at his election and choyse.

Item my will and full intent and meaning is that if any person or persons whosoeuer to whome I haue in and by this my last will and testament giuen and bequeathed any leagacy or summe or summes of mony shall any waies gainsay impugne contradict or impeach this my last will and testament that then all and euery one so impugning contradicting impeaching or gainesaying this my last will and testament and euery of their children and kinsfolkes to whome I haue in and by this my last will and testament giuen and bequeathed any leagacy or summe or summes of mony shall haue no part nor portion of any such guift leagacy or bequest but shall vtterly loose the same and bee vterly barred

barred thereof as if no such Legacy gift or bequest had bin giuen vnto him her or them by this my last will and testament (any thing before in these presents mentioned or contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding)

Item I giue and bequeath to *Richard Sutton* one of my Executors before named the summe of one hundred poundes, and to mistris *Law* ouer and besides the Legacy before to her giuen I giue the summe of forty poundes to make her a gowne withall.

Item I giue to Maister *Hutton* the Vicar of Littlebury twenty poundes. To the Towne of Camps Castle where I dwel to be distributed amongst the poore of the same Parish tenne poundes.

Also to the poore of the towne of Elcombe to be equally distributed amongst them the summe of ten poundes.

Item I giue and bequeath those my mannors of Littlebury and Hadstock in the County of Essex to the right honorable the Lord *Thomas Howard* Earle of Suffolke and to his heires for euer vpon Condition that he do wel and truly pay or cause to bee paid to my Executors before named or to the suruiuor of them the

ſumme of Tenne thouſand poundes of law full money of England within one yeare next after my deceaſe. And if he ſhall refuſe to pay the ſaid ſumme of tenne thouſand pounds for the ſaid Mannors, then I giue and bequeath the ſaid Mannors of Littlebury and Hadſtock to my ſaid Executors and to their Heires for euer. And then I will and deuiſe that the ſaid Mannors of Littlebury and Hadſtock ſhall bee ſold by my ſaid Executors or the ſuruiuor of them to the vttermoſt price and valew that they may be ſold for and the money comming of the ſale thereof together with as much more as ſhall make vp the ſame ſumme the full ſom of twenty thouſand poundes I will ſhall bee imployed and beſtowed by my ſaid Executors or the ſuruiuor of them with the aduiſe of my Superuiſors afore named in ſome good works and charitable vſes for mine intended Hoſpitall and for poore people or otherwiſe as they in their wiſedomes & diſcretions ſhal think fit.

Item I giue to Maiſter *Flud* Parſon of Newington the ſumme of thirteene pound ſixe ſhillings eigt pence: And to the wife of *Beniamin King* of Southminſter ſixe pound thirteene ſhillings fourepence.

Item I giue to *Thomas Averell* if it ſhall bee found that he hath dealt faithfully and plainely

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ly with me in my buſineſſe the ſumme of tenne poundes which he owerh me.

Item I giue vnto the wife of Maiſter *Ingry* of Littlebury three pound ſixe ſhillings eight pence.

Item I giue to Sir *Henry Hubberd* Knight the Kinges Maieſties Attorney generall a peece of plate of the valew of ten pound: And to Maiſter *Locksmith* his Clarke the ſumme of tenne pound.

Item I giue to the poore of the pariſh of Hackney ten pound.

Item I giue to *Bridget Law* the ſumme of ten pound: And to the Lady *Altham* daughter to Maiſter *Auditor Sutton* the ſumme of twenty poundes.

Item I giue to Sir *Edward Phillips* Maiſter of the Rolles a peece of plate of the value of twenty pound: And to Sir *Iames Altham* one of the Barrons of the Exchequor one peece of plate of the valew of twenty pound.

Item I giue to my late wiues kinſman *Guy Goddolphin* the ſumme of ten pound.

Item I giue to the right honorable my very good Lord the Earle of Suffolk the ſumme of foure hundred pounds. All the reſt of my

ſumme of Tenne thouſand pounds of lawfull

goods chattles and debtes not before giuen and diſpoſed I giue and bequeath to my entented Hoſpitall to be imployed and beſtowed on and about the ſame according to the diſcretion of the Feoffes of my ſaid Hoſpital or the greater part of them In witnes hereof I haue here-vnto ſet my hand and ſeale the twenty eight day of the moneth of Nouember aboue written THOMAS SUTTON. *Memorandum* that the ſame teſtator did acknowledge this his will written and contained in theſe three and twenty leaues to be his laſt will and teſtament and that his hand and ſeale ſet therevnto is his owne hand and ſeale and that he had heard it read & was acquainted with the contents of it the ſaid twenty eight of Nouember aboue written in preſence of vs *Iohn Law Leonard Houghton Alexander Longworth Thomas Hall* The marke of *Richard Pearce* The marke of *Thomas Iohnſon Primo Decembris.* 1611 *idem recognitum per teſtatorem coram* Io. *Crooke. Quarto Decembris* 1611 *recognit.* to be the Teſtators laſt wil. Before me *Hen. Thoresby.*

A Codicill to bee anexed to the laſt Will & teſtament of *Thomas Sutton* Eſquire made and declared the day whereon he dyed being the

the twelfth of December one thouſand ſixe hundred and eleuen.

Item he gaue and bequeathed to Maiſter Iudge *Crooke* one of the Iudges of the Kinges Bench at Weſtminſter the ſumme of tenne poundes And to Maiſter *Henry Thoreſby* one of the Maiſters of the Court of Chancery the like ſum of tenne pound: And to Miſtris *Sutton* of London widdow the ſumme of three pound ſixe ſhillings eight pence to make her a Ring.

Alſo he gaue to Maiſter *Hutton* Clarke & Vicar of Littlebury the aduowſion or next preſentation to the parſonage of Dunsby in the County of Lincolne.

Alſo he did then publiſh and declare before Maiſter *Flud* Parſon of Stoke-Newington in the County of Middleſex *Robert Petit Alexander Longworth Iohn Parſons* and *Thomas Iohnſon* his cooke that he had made his will and thereof had made and ordaind *Richard Sutton* of London Eſquire and *Iohn Lawe* his Executors.

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